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REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are pending in the present application. Claim 1 has been amended, and claim 11 has been canceled.

Claims 1-11 have been rejected under 25 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Goshal U.S. patent no. 6,266,962. The Examiner cites figure 5 of Goshal, showing a multistage cooler with Peltier device 510, 520, 530 interposed between an intermediate heat sink and an intermediate cold sink.

However, it is respectfully submitted that Goshal does not show plural stages with a Peltier device interposed between an intermediate heat sink and an intermediate cold sink at each stage, as presented in the original claim 1. Further, Goshal does not disclose the device as in claim 1 wherein each stage has a first surface and a second surface and comprising n-type and p-type thermoelectric materials bonded to each other in a direction substantially normal to the plane of the first surface or the second surface.

Therefore, claim 1 is allowable over Goshal. Claims 2-10 depend from claim 1, and also stand rejected by Goshal. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that these claims are also allowable.

The amendments herein do not introduce any new matter. It is believed that the claims herein should be allowable to Applicants. Accordingly, allowance is respectfully requested.

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